

Public Notice

Appointment of Full-Time U.S. Magistrate Judge United States District Court Southern District of Texas Laredo, Texas



The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the Southern District of Texas at Laredo.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging: (1) conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

1. Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
2. Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
3. Be less than seventy years old; and
4. Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. The Southern District of Texas is an equal opportunity employer and will give due consideration to all qualified candidates. The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080. The term of office is 8 years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the clerk of the district court; P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas 77208, or at the District Clerk's Office in any division of this district. The form is also available on the court's internet site at www.txs.uscourts.gov. Applications may be submitted in person or by mail and must be received by:

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at the Office of the United States District Clerk; Southern District of Texas; 1300 Victoria St.; Suite 1131; Laredo, Texas 78040; Attn: Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Committee.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panels deliberations will remain confidential.